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STATEMENT ACCOMPANYING RCE REGARDING NON-ENTRY OF PREVIOUS AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant is simultaneously filing herewith an RCE after a Final Rejection dated January 11, 2005. In response to the January 11, 2005, final rejection, Applicant filed an Amendment on March 1, 2005, which was not entered. Applicant is requesting that the Amendment filed on March 1, 2005 not be entered.

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